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The reply filed on May 17, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to elect a single species from *each* of the two Groups of species set forth in the requirement for restriction of January 13, 2004. Applicant has elected Fig. 8 from the species of Group II but has failed to designate a species from those species listed in Group I, (i.e., directed to specific chock). Applicant must include a listing of all claims readable on the elected species. It has been noted that Applicant has elected the invention of Group II, claims 21-25, directed to method of forming a chock and a mine roof support with claims 21-22 directed to a method of forming a mine roof support and claims 23-25 directed to a method of forming a chock. Claims 23-25 have been grouped together with claims 21-22. However, upon Applicant fully responding to the requirement for restriction of January 13, 2004 certain of the remaining claims, (including either of independent claims 21 and 23), may be withdrawn from consideration on the merits as being drawn to a non-elected species of the invention. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (703) 308-2481. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur., 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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